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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Ken-ichi Arai et al.

Title: NF-AT DERIVED POLYPEPTIDES THAT BIND
CALCINEURIN AND USES THEREOF

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendment be entered into the application:

In the Claims:

Please rewrite claim 5 as follows:

5. (Amended) A method for producing the polypeptide of claim 1, [the method comprising culturing the transformant of claim 4,] and recovering the expressed polypeptide from the transformant or the culture supernatant.

Please add new claim 14:

--14. A method comprising culturing the transformant of claim 4, and recovering the expressed polypeptide from the transformant or the culture supernatant.--